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	OTHER
1	Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Judiciary Committee
2	Representative Diamond offered the following:
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4	Amendment
5	Remove lines 260-777 and insert:
6	excluded from Part XIV of this chapter under s. 736.1405(2).
7	(24) (21) "Terms of a trust" means:
8	(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b), the
9	manifestation of the settlor's intent regarding a trust's
10	provisions as:
11	1. Expressed in the trust instrument; or
12	2. Established by other evidence that would be admissible
13	in a judicial proceeding; or
14	(b) The trust's provisions as established, determined, or
15	amended by:
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16	1. A trustee or trust director in accordance with
17	applicable law;
18	2. Court order; or
19	3. A nonjudicial settlement agreement under s. 736.0111,
20	relating to nonjudicial settlement agreements the manifestation
21	of the settlor's intent regarding a trust's provisions as
22	expressed in the trust instrument or as may be established by
23	other evidence that would be admissible in a judicial
24	proceeding.
25	(25) "Trust director" means a person who is granted a
26	power of direction by the terms of a trust to the extent the
27	power is exercisable while the person is not serving as a
28	trustee. The person is a trust director whether or not the terms
29	of the trust refer to the person as a trust director and whether
30	or not the person is a beneficiary or settlor of the trust.
31	Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
32	736.0105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
33	736.0105 Default and mandatory rules
34	(2) The terms of a trust prevail over any provision of
35	this code except:
36	(b) Subject to s. 736.1409, relating to the duties and
37	liabilities of a directed trustee; s. 736.1411, relating to
38	limitations on duties of a trustee or trust director to monitor,
39	inform, or advise on matters involving the other; and s.
40	736.1412, relating to the allocation of powers among cotrustees,
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41 requirements for excluded cotrustees to act as a directed 42 trustee, and liability and related obligations of directing 43 cotrustees, the duty of the trustee to act in good faith and in 44 accordance with the terms and purposes of the trust and the 45 interests of the beneficiaries. Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 736.0201, Florida 46 47 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (7) is added to that 48 section, to read: 736.0201 Role of court in trust proceedings.-49 50 (1) Except as provided in subsections (5), and (6), and (7) and s. 736.0206, judicial proceedings concerning trusts 51 52 shall be commenced by filing a complaint and shall be governed 53 by the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. 54 (7) A proceeding to determine the homestead status of real 55 property owned by a trust may be filed in the probate proceeding 56 for the settlor's estate if the settlor was treated as the owner 57 of the interest held in the trust under s. 732.4015. The proceeding shall be governed by the Florida Probate Rules. 58 59 Section 6. Subsection (3) is added to section 736.0603, 60 Florida Statutes, to read: 61 736.0603 Settlor's powers; powers of withdrawal.-62 (3) Subject to ss. 736.0403(2) and 736.0602(3)(a), the trustee may follow a direction of the settlor that is contrary 63 64 to the terms of the trust while a trust is revocable. 502975 - h0609-line260.docx

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65 Section 7. Subsections (3), (7), and (9) of section 66 736.0703, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 67 736.0703 Cotrustees.-68 Subject to s. 736.1412, relating to the allocation of (3) 69 powers among cotrustees, requirements for excluded cotrustees to 70 act as a directed trustee, and liability and related obligations 71 of directing cotrustees, a cotrustee must participate in the performance of a trustee's function unless the cotrustee is 72 73 unavailable to perform the function because of absence, illness, 74 disgualification under other provision of law, or other 75 temporary incapacity or the cotrustee has properly delegated the 76 performance of the function to another cotrustee. 77 Except as otherwise provided in s. 736.1412, relating (7) 78 to the allocation of powers among cotrustees, requirements for 79 excluded cotrustees to act as a directed trustee, and liability 80 and related obligations of directing cotrustees subsection (9), each cotrustee shall exercise reasonable care to: 81 82 (a) Prevent a cotrustee from committing a breach of trust. 83 (b) Compel a cotrustee to redress a breach of trust. 84 (9) If the terms of a trust provide for the appointment of 85 more than one trustee but confer upon one or more of the trustees, to the exclusion of the others, the power to direct or 86 prevent specified actions of the trustees, the excluded trustees 87 shall act in accordance with the exercise of the power. Except 88 89 in cases of willful misconduct on the part of the excluded 502975 - h0609-line260.docx Published On: 4/5/2021 4:21:17 PM Page 4 of 25

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90 trustee, an excluded trustee is not liable, individually or as a 91 fiduciary, for any consequence that results from compliance with 92 the exercise of the power. An excluded trustee does not have a 93 duty or an obligation to review, inquire, investigate, or make 94 recommendations or evaluations with respect to the exercise of 95 the power. The trustee or trustees having the power to direct or prevent actions of the excluded trustees shall be liable to the 96 beneficiaries with respect to the exercise of the power as if 97 the excluded trustees were not in office and shall have the 98 99 exclusive obligation to account to and to defend any action 100 brought by the beneficiaries with respect to the exercise of the 101 power. The provisions of s. 736.0808(2) do not apply if the 102 person entrusted with the power to direct the actions of the excluded trustee is also a cotrustee. 103 104 Section 8. Section 736.0808, Florida Statutes, is 105 repealed. 106 Section 9. Present subsection (7) of section 736.1008, 107 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (8), a new 108 subsection (7) is added to that section, and paragraph (a) of 109 subsection (1), subsection (2), and paragraphs (a) and (c) of 110 subsection (4) of that section are amended, to read: 111 736.1008 Limitations on proceedings against trustees.-Except as provided in subsection (2), all claims by a 112 (1) beneficiary against a trustee for breach of trust are barred as 113 provided in chapter 95 as to: 114 502975 - h0609-line260.docx Published On: 4/5/2021 4:21:17 PM Page 5 of 25

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(a) All matters adequately disclosed in a trust disclosure document issued by the trustee <u>or a trust director</u>, with the limitations period beginning on the date of receipt of adequate disclosure.

119 (2) Unless sooner barred by adjudication, consent, or 120 limitations, a beneficiary is barred from bringing an action against a trustee for breach of trust with respect to a matter 121 122 that was adequately disclosed in a trust disclosure document unless a proceeding to assert the claim is commenced within 6 123 124 months after receipt from the trustee or a trust director of the 125 trust disclosure document or a limitation notice that applies to 126 that disclosure document, whichever is received later.

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(4) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Trust disclosure document" means a trust accounting
or any other written report of the trustee or a trust director.
A trust disclosure document adequately discloses a matter if the
document provides sufficient information so that a beneficiary
knows of a claim or reasonably should have inquired into the
existence of a claim with respect to that matter.

(c) "Limitation notice" means a written statement of the trustee <u>or a trust director</u> that an action by a beneficiary against the trustee for breach of trust based on any matter adequately disclosed in a trust disclosure document may be barred unless the action is commenced within 6 months after receipt of the trust disclosure document or receipt of a

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140 limitation notice that applies to that trust disclosure 141 document, whichever is later. A limitation notice may but is not 142 required to be in the following form: "An action for breach of trust based on matters disclosed in a trust accounting or other 143 144 written report of the trustee or a trust director may be subject 145 to a 6-month statute of limitations from the receipt of the 146 trust accounting or other written report. If you have questions, please consult your attorney." 147

148 (7) Any claim barred against a trustee or trust director
 149 under this section is also barred against the directors,
 150 officers, and employees acting for the trustee.

Section 10. Present paragraphs (e), (f), and (g) of subsection (1) of section 736.1017, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (f), (g), and (h), respectively, and a new paragraph (e) is added to that subsection, to read:

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736.1017 Certification of trust.-

(1) Instead of furnishing a copy of the trust instrument to a person other than a beneficiary, the trustee may furnish to the person a certification of trust containing the following information:

(e) Whether the trust contains any powers of direction,
 and if so, the identity of the current trust directors, the
 trustee powers subject to a power of direction, and whether the
 trust directors have directed or authorized the trustee to

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164	engage in the proposed transaction for which the certification
165	of trust was issued.
166	Section 11. Effective upon this act becoming a law,
167	section 736.1105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
168	(Substantial rewording of section. See
169	s. 736.1105, F.S., for present text.)
170	736.1105 Effect of subsequent marriage, birth, adoption,
171	or dissolution of marriage
172	(1) Neither subsequent marriage, birth, nor adoption of
173	descendants shall revoke the revocable trust of any person.
174	(2) Any provision of a revocable trust that affects the
175	settlor's spouse is void upon dissolution of the marriage of the
176	settlor and the spouse, whether the marriage occurred before or
177	after the execution of such revocable trust. Upon dissolution of
178	marriage, the revocable trust shall be construed as if the
179	spouse had died at the time of the dissolution of marriage.
180	(a) Dissolution of marriage occurs at the time the
181	decedent's marriage is judicially dissolved or declared invalid
182	by court order.
183	(b) This subsection does not invalidate a provision of a
184	revocable trust:
185	1. Executed by the settlor after the dissolution of the
186	marriage;
187	2. If there is a specific intention to the contrary stated
188	in the revocable trust; or
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189	3. If the dissolution of marriage judgment expressly
190	provides otherwise.
191	(3) This section applies to revocable trusts of decedents
192	who die on or after the effective date of this section.
193	Section 12. Section 736.1109, Florida Statutes, is created
194	to read:
195	736.1109 Testamentary and revocable trusts; homestead
196	protections
197	(1) If a devise of homestead under a trust violates the
198	limitations on the devise of homestead in s. $4(c)$ , Art. X of the
199	State Constitution, title shall pass as provided in s. 732.401
200	at the moment of death.
201	(2) A power of sale or general direction to pay debts,
202	expenses and claims within the trust instrument does not subject
203	an interest in the protected homestead to the claims of
204	decedent's creditors, expenses of administration, and
205	obligations of the decedent's estate as provided in s.
206	736.05053.
207	(3) If a trust directs the sale of property that would
208	otherwise qualify as protected homestead, and the property is
209	not subject to the constitutional limitations on the devise of
210	homestead under the State Constitution, title shall remain
211	vested in the trustee and subject to the provisions of the
212	trust.
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213	(4) This section applies only to trusts described in s.
214	733.707(3) and to testamentary trusts.
215	(5) This section is intended to clarify existing law and
216	applies to the administration of trusts and estates of decedents
217	who die before, on, or after July 1, 2021.
218	Section 13. Part XIV of chapter 736, Florida Statutes,
219	consisting of ss. 736.1401-736.1416, Florida Statutes, is
220	created and entitled the "Florida Uniform Directed Trust Act."
221	Section 14. Section 736.1401, Florida Statutes, is created
222	to read:
223	736.1401 Short titleThis part may be cited as the
224	"Florida Uniform Directed Trust Act."
225	Section 15. Section 736.1403, Florida Statutes, is created
226	to read:
227	736.1403 Application; principal place of administration
228	(1) This part applies to a trust subject to this chapter,
229	whenever created, that has its principal place of administration
230	in the state, subject to the following rules:
231	(a) If the trust was created before July 1, 2021, this
232	part applies only to a decision or action occurring on or after
233	July 1, 2021.
234	(b) If the principal place of administration of the trust
235	is changed to the state on or after July 1, 2021, this part
236	applies only to a decision or action occurring on or after the
237	date of the change.
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238	(2) In addition s. 736.0108, relating to a trust's
239	principal place of administration, in a directed trust, terms of
240	the trust that designate the principal place of administration
241	of the trust in the state are valid and controlling if a trust
242	director's principal place of business is located in or a trust
243	director is a resident of the state.
244	Section 16. Section 736.1405, Florida Statutes, is created
245	to read:
246	736.1405 Exclusions
247	(1) As used in this section, the term "power of
248	appointment" means a power that enables a person acting in a
249	nonfiduciary capacity to designate a recipient of an ownership
250	interest in or another power of appointment over trust property.
251	(2) Unless the terms of a trust expressly provide
252	otherwise by specific reference to this part, section, or
253	paragraph, this part does not apply to:
254	(a) A power of appointment;
255	(b) A power to appoint or remove a trustee or trust
256	director;
257	(c) A power of a settlor over a trust while the trust is
258	revocable by that settlor;
259	(d) A power of a beneficiary over a trust to the extent
260	the exercise or nonexercise of the power affects the beneficial
261	interest of:
262	1. The beneficiary; or
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263 2. Another beneficiary represented by the beneficiary
264 under ss. 736.0301-736.0305 with respect to the exercise or
265 <u>nonexercise of the power;</u>
266 (e) A power over a trust if the terms of the trust provide
267 that the power is held in a nonfiduciary capacity; and
268 <u>1. The power must be held in a nonfiduciary capacity to</u>
269 achieve the settlor's tax objectives under the United States
270 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and regulations
271 issued thereunder, as amended; or
272 2. It is a power to reimburse the settlor for all or a
273 part of the settlor's income tax liabilities attributable to the
274 income of the trust; or
275 (f) A power to add or to release a power under the trust
276 instrument if the power subject to addition or release causes
277 the settlor to be treated as the owner of all or any portion of
278 the trust for federal income tax purposes.
279 (3) Unless the terms of a trust provide otherwise, a power
280 granted to a person other than a trustee:
281 (a) To designate a recipient of an ownership interest in
282 trust property, including a power to terminate a trust, is a
283 power of appointment and not a power of direction.
(b) To create, modify, or terminate a power of appointment
285 is a power of direction and not a power of appointment, except a
286 power to create a power of appointment that is an element of a
287 broader power to affect an ownership interest in trust property
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288	beyond the mere creation of a power of appointment, such as a
289	power to appoint trust property in further trust, is a power of
290	appointment and not a power of direction.
291	Section 17. Section 736.1406, Florida Statutes, is created
292	to read:
293	736.1406 Power of trust director
294	(1) Subject to s. 736.1407, relating to trust directors
295	being subject to the same rules as a trustee regarding Social
296	Security Act reimbursement requirements and charitable trust
297	instruments, the terms of a trust may grant a power of direction
298	to a trust director.
299	(2) A power of direction includes only those powers
300	granted by the terms of the trust.
301	(3) Unless the terms of a trust provide otherwise:
302	(a) A trust director may exercise any further power
303	appropriate to the exercise or nonexercise of a power of
304	direction granted to the trust director under subsection (1);
305	and
306	(b) Trust directors with joint powers must act by majority
307	decision.
308	Section 18. Section 736.1407, Florida Statutes, is created
309	to read:
310	736.1407 Limitations on trust director.—A trust director
311	is subject to the same rules as a trustee in a like position and
312	under similar circumstances in the exercise or nonexercise of a
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313	power of direction or further power under s. 736.1406(3)(a),
314	relating to additional power granted to a trust director in
315	furtherance of an express power of direction, regarding:
316	(1) A payback provision in the terms of a trust necessary
317	to comply with the reimbursement requirements of s. 1917 of the
318	Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s. 1396p(d)(4)(A), as amended,
319	and regulations issued thereunder, as amended.
320	(2) A charitable interest in the trust, including notice
321	regarding the interest to the Attorney General.
322	Section 19. Section 736.1408, Florida Statutes, is created
323	to read:
324	736.1408 Duty and liability of trust director
325	(1) Subject to subsection (2), with respect to a power of
326	direction or further power under s. 736.1406(3)(a), relating to
327	additional power granted to a trust director in furtherance of
328	an express power of direction:
329	(a) A trust director has the same fiduciary duty and
330	liability in the exercise or nonexercise of the power:
331	1. If the power is held individually, as a sole trustee in
332	a like position and under similar circumstances; or
333	2. If the power is held jointly with a trustee or another
334	trust director, as a cotrustee in a like position and under
335	similar circumstances.
336	(b) The terms of the trust may vary the trust director's
337	duty or liability to the same extent the terms of the trust may
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338	vary the duty or liability of a trustee in a like position and
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340	(2) Unless the terms of a trust provide otherwise, if a
341	trust director is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized
342	or permitted by law other than this part to provide health care
343	in the ordinary course of the trust director's business or
344	practice of a profession, to the extent the trust director acts
345	in that capacity the trust director has no duty or liability
346	under this part.
347	(3) The terms of a trust may impose a duty or liability on
348	a trust director in addition to the duties and liabilities under
349	this section.
350	Section 20. Section 736.1409, Florida Statutes, is created
351	to read:
352	736.1409 Duty and liability of directed trustee
353	(1) Subject to subsection (2), a directed trustee shall
354	take reasonable action to comply with a trust director's
355	exercise or nonexercise of a power of direction or further power
356	under s. 736.1406(3)(a), relating to additional power granted to
357	a trust director in furtherance of an express power of
358	direction, and the trustee is not liable for such reasonable
359	action.
360	(2) A directed trustee may not comply with a trust
361	director's exercise or nonexercise of a power of direction or
362	further power under s. 736.1406(3)(a), relating to additional
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363	power granted to a trust director in furtherance of an express
364	power of direction, to the extent that by complying the trustee
365	would engage in willful misconduct.
366	(3) Before complying with a trust director's exercise of a
367	power of direction, the directed trustee shall determine whether
368	or not the exercise is within the scope of the trust director's
369	power of direction. The exercise of a power of direction is not
370	outside the scope of a trust director's power of direction
371	merely because the exercise constitutes or may constitute a
372	breach of trust.
373	(4) An exercise of a power of direction under which a
374	trust director may release a trustee or another trust director
375	from liability for breach of trust is not effective if:
376	(a) The breach involved the trustee's or other director's
377	willful misconduct;
378	(b) The release was induced by improper conduct of the
379	trustee or other director in procuring the release; or
380	(c) At the time of the release, the trust director did not
381	know the material facts relating to the breach.
382	(5) A directed trustee that has reasonable doubt about its
383	duty under this section may apply to the court for instructions,
384	with attorney fees and costs to be paid from assets of the trust
385	as provided in this code.

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386	(6) The terms of a trust may impose a duty or liability on
387	a directed trustee in addition to the duties and liabilities
388	under this part.
389	Section 21. Section 736.141, Florida Statutes, is created
390	to read:
391	736.141 Duty to provide information
392	(1) Subject to s. 736.1411, relating to limitations on the
393	duties of trustees or trust directors to monitor, inform, or
394	advise on matters involving the other, a trustee shall provide
395	information to a trust director to the extent the information is
396	reasonably related to the powers or duties of the trust
397	director.
398	(2) Subject to s. 736.1411, relating to limitations on the
399	duties of trustees or trust directors to monitor, inform, or
400	advise on matters involving the other, a trust director shall
401	provide information to a trustee or another trust director to
402	the extent the information is reasonably related to the powers
403	or duties of the trustee or other trust director.
404	(3) A trustee that acts in reliance on information
405	provided by a trust director is not liable for a breach of trust
406	to the extent the breach resulted from the reliance, unless by
407	so acting the trustee engages in willful misconduct.
408	(4) A trust director that acts in reliance on information
409	provided by a trustee or another trust director is not liable
410	for a breach of trust to the extent the breach resulted from the
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411	reliance, unless by so acting the trust director engages in
412	willful misconduct.
413	(5) A trust director shall provide information within the
414	trust director's knowledge or control to a qualified beneficiary
415	upon a written request of a qualified beneficiary to the extent
416	the information is reasonably related to the powers or duties of
417	the trust director.
418	Section 22. Section 736.1411, Florida Statutes, is created
419	to read:
420	736.1411 No duty to monitor, inform, or advise
421	(1) Notwithstanding s. 736.1409(1), relating to the duty
422	of a directed trustee to take reasonable action when directed
423	and to the release of liability for such action, unless the
424	terms of a trust provide otherwise:
425	(a) A trustee does not have a duty to:
426	1. Monitor a trust director; or
427	2. Inform or give advice to a settlor, beneficiary,
428	trustee, or trust director concerning an instance in which the
429	trustee might have acted differently than the trust director.
430	(b) By taking an action described in paragraph (a), a
431	trustee does not assume the duty excluded by paragraph (a).
432	(2) Notwithstanding s. 736.1408(1), relating to the
433	fiduciary duty of a trust director, unless the terms of a trust
434	provide otherwise:
435	(a) A trust director does not have a duty to:
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436	1. Monitor a trustee or another trust director; or
437	2. Inform or give advice to a settlor, beneficiary,
438	trustee, or another trust director concerning an instance in
439	which the trust director might have acted differently than a
440	trustee or another trust director.
441	(b) By taking an action described in paragraph (a), a
442	trust director does not assume the duty excluded by paragraph
443	<u>(a).</u>
444	Section 23. Section 736.1412, Florida Statutes, is created
445	to read:
446	736.1412 Application to cotrustee
447	(1) The terms of a trust may provide for the appointment
448	of more than one trustee but confer upon one or more of the
449	trustees, to the exclusion of the others, the power to direct or
450	prevent specified actions of the trustees.
451	(2) The excluded trustees shall act in accordance with the
452	exercise of the power in the manner, and with the same duty and
453	liability, as directed trustees with respect to a trust
454	director's power of direction under s. 736.1409, relating to the
455	duties and liabilities of a directed trustee; s. 736.141,
456	relating to the duties of a trustee and trust director to
457	provide and rely on information; and s. 736.1411, relating to
458	limitations on the duties of trustees or trust directors to
459	monitor, inform, or advise on matters involving the other.
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460	(3) The trustee or trustees having the power to direct or
461	prevent actions of the excluded trustees shall be liable to the
462	beneficiaries with respect to the exercise of the power as if
463	the excluded trustees were not in office and shall have the
464	exclusive obligation to account to and to defend any action
465	brought by the beneficiaries with respect to the exercise of the
466	power.
467	Section 24. Section 736.1413, Florida Statutes, is created
468	to read:
469	736.1413 Limitation of action against trust director
470	(1) An action against a trust director for breach of trust
471	must be commenced within the same limitation period for an
472	action for breach of trust against a trustee in a like position
473	and under similar circumstances under s. 736.1008, relating to
474	limitations on proceedings against trustees.
475	(2) A trust accounting or any other written report of a
476	trustee or a trust director has the same effect on the
477	limitation period for an action against a trust director for
478	breach of trust that such trust accounting or written report
479	would have under s. 736.1008, relating to limitations on
480	proceedings against trustees, in an action for breach of trust
481	against a trustee in a like position and under similar
482	circumstances.
483	Section 25. Section 736.1414, Florida Statutes, is created
484	to read:
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485	736.1414 Defenses in action against trust directorIn an
486	action against a trust director for breach of trust, the trust
487	director may assert the same defenses a trustee in a like
488	position and under similar circumstances could assert in an
489	action for breach of trust against the trustee.
490	Section 26. Section 736.1415, Florida Statutes, is created
491	to read:
492	736.1415 Jurisdiction over trust director
493	(1) By accepting appointment as a trust director of a
494	trust subject to this part, the trust director submits to the
495	personal jurisdiction of the courts of the state regarding any
496	matter related to a power or duty of the trust director.
497	(2) This section does not preclude other methods of
498	obtaining jurisdiction over a trust director.
499	Section 27. Section 736.1416, Florida Statutes, is created
500	to read:
501	736.1416 Office of trust director
502	(1) Unless the terms of a trust provide otherwise, a trust
503	director shall be considered a trustee for purposes of the
504	following:
505	(a) Role of court in trust proceedings under s. 736.0201.
506	(b) Proceedings for review of employment of agents and
507	review of compensation of trustee and employees of a trust under
508	<u>s. 736.0206.</u>
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509	(c) Representation by holder of power of appointment under
510	s. 736.0302(4), relating to how trustees with discretionary
511	power to make trust distributions do not have a power of
512	appointment for purposes of representing persons affected by
513	such power.
514	(d) Prohibition on a trustee acting as a designated
515	representative under s. 736.0306(2).
516	(e) Validation of power to select a beneficiary from an
517	indefinite class under s. 736.0402(3).
518	(f) As to allowing application by the trust director for
519	judicial modification of a trust when such modification is not
520	inconsistent with the settlor's purpose under s. 736.04113, for
521	judicial construction of provisions relating to federal taxes
522	under s. 736.04114, for judicial modification of a trust when
523	such modification is in the best interest of the beneficiaries
524	under s. 736.04115, or for judicial modification or termination
525	of an uneconomic trust under s. 736.0414(2), if the trust
526	director is so authorized by the terms of the trust.
527	(g) Discretionary trusts and the effect of a standard
528	under s. 736.0504, relating to special provisions regarding
529	discretionary trusts.
530	(h) Trust assets not being subject to creditor claims by
531	reason of discretionary powers granted to a trustee under s.
532	736.0505(1)(c).

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533	(i) A tructed to duty to new truct obligations and expenses
	(i) A trustee's duty to pay trust obligations and expenses
534	before paying obligations and expenses of the settlor's estate
535	<u>under s. 736.05053(4).</u>
536	(j) Acceptance or declination of a trusteeship under s.
537	736.0701.
538	(k) Requirement to give bond to secure performance under
539	certain circumstances and court discretions relating to such
540	bonds under s. 736.0702.
541	(1) Filling trustee vacancies and court appointment of an
542	additional trustee or special fiduciary under s. 736.0704.
543	(m) Resignation of a trustee under s. 736.0705, including
544	requirements, court authorizations, and remaining liabilities.
545	(n) Court removal of a trustee, including who may request
546	a removal, under s. 736.0706, but not to give the trust director
547	the power to request removal of a trustee.
548	(o) Reasonable compensation of a trustee or professional
549	acting as a trustee under s. 736.0708.
550	(p) Entitlement of a trustee to reimbursement of expenses
551	and liens to secure advances under s. 736.0709.
552	(q) Authority to pay costs or attorney fees without
553	approval under s. 736.0802(10), if the trust director has a
554	power of direction or, if the trust director has a further power
555	to direct, the payment of such costs or attorney fees under s.
556	736.1406(2), relating to the explicit power of direction granted
557	to a trust director, or s. 736.1406(3)(a), relating to the
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558	implied additional power of a director in furtherance of an
559	express power of direction.
560	(r) Limitations on a trustee's discretionary powers under
561	<u>s. 736.0814.</u>
562	(s) Administration of trusts by trustees without regard to
563	pending contests or proceedings, except as the court directs,
564	under s. 736.08165.
565	(t) A trustee's obligation to invest in accordance with
566	chapter 518 under s. 736.0901.
567	(u) The exception to the prudent investor rule for life
568	insurance under s. 736.0902.
569	(v) Remedies available for a trustee breach of trust under
570	<u>s. 736.1001.</u>
571	(w) Damages against a trustee for breach of trust under s.
572	736.1002.
573	(x) A trustee's immunity from liability for loss or no
574	profit under s. 736.1003 if there is no breach of trust.
575	(y) Court-awarded attorney fees and costs under s.
576	736.1004 for breach of trust challenges.
577	(z) Fees available to a trustee's attorney for
578	extraordinary service under s. 736.1007(5), court variance of
579	compensation for a trustee's attorney under s. 736.1007(6), and
580	agreements between a settlor and an attorney for fees to be
581	provided to a trustee under s. 736.1007(7).

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582	(aa) A trustee's immunity from liability for a breach of
583	trust under s. 736.1009 if the trustee relied on the trust
584	instrument terms.
585	(bb) Limitations on a trustee's liability for acting
586	without knowledge of relevant events under s. 736.1010.
587	(cc) Limitations on a trustee's exculpation of liability
588	under the terms of a trust under s. 736.1011.
589	(dd) The release of a trustee from liability with consent,
590	the release or ratification of a beneficiary, and the
591	limitations on such actions under s. 736.1012.
592	(ee) Limitations on imposing liability on a trustee for
593	obligations of a settlor under s. 736.1014.
594	(2) If a person has not accepted a trust directorship
595	under the terms of the trust or has accepted or declined a
596	trusteeship under s. 736.0701 or a trustee,
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